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**FORD TO PLACE FAMILY BEFORE POLITICS**

I have had a long political career, because I have always put the people first. The time has come for me to put my family first, and politics second. Due to family health issues with my wife, and my daughter, I will not seek the office of District 82 House Representative. My first responsibility is now to family, and I wish to thank the public in advance, those who have supported me for the Legislature, especially Macon County Commission Chairman Louis Maxwell for your understanding and support.

I will take care of family responsibilities first, and second, the duties of City Council member for District II, City of Tuskegee, especially since I have learned that another year has been added to the City Council position, ending in 2025, rather than 2024. The additional year gives me more time to work on the challenges facing District II, and the City of Tuskegee.

I want to wish well Representative Pebblin Warren, and Mr. Terrence Johnson, and anyone else who may run for Macon County. Once elected, whoever the State Representative is, they can count on my full support.

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